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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' continued duty of disclosure, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,389,467;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,379,831;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,296,962;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,064,734;
- (5) German Document No. 19517443;
- (6) International Document No. 99/13522;
- (7) Japanese Document No. 03-184268
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 4,997,727;
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 5,034,288;
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 5,273,837;
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 4,721,556;

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- (12) U.S. Patent No. 5,064,734;
- (13) U.S. Patent No. 5,069,987;
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 5,496,655;
- (15) U.S. Patent No. 5,549,983;
- (16) U.S. Patent No. 5,733,682;
- (17) U.S. Patent No. 6,054,231;
- (18) U.S. Patent No. 6,291,089;
- (19) International Document No. 9526054;
- (20) International Document No. 0040520;
- (21) U.S. Patent No. 5,424,144;
- (22) European Document No. 0397072;
- (23) European Document No. 0410159;
- (24) European Document No. 0410166;
- (25) European Document No. 0418528;
- (26) European Document No. 0424691;
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- (28) European Document No. 0432381;
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- (30) European Document No. 0950431;
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- (32) Japanese Document No. 10-199555;
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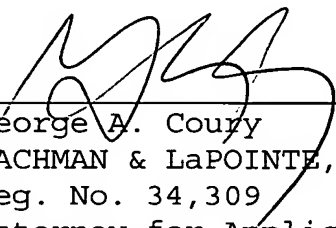
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